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THE OBSERVATOR.

On the Countess of Tyrconnel's *Arrival in* England. *On a* Spanish *Galeons Sayling for* Spain. *On the* Jacobites *Remorse at the News from* Cadiz. *On the Noise of* Guns *heard at* Lagos. *On the Queen of* Spains *Return for* Savoy. *Remarks on the Duke of* Ormond's *Descent.*

From Saturday September the 12th, to Wednesday September the 16th, 1702.

Country-m. YOU find by the *Post-Boy*, Mr. *Observator*, that the Lady *Tyrconnel*, for whom some People have so long waited, is at length Arrived: I thought she would have prov'd like *Giles Shute*'s long expected Book, which was so often Published in the News-Papers, and never Printed: I hope, Sir, she does not come with any Character from the Court of St. *Germains*.

Obs. Those that want her Company, e'en much good may it do them. I am sure the *English* Nation has no occasion for Persons of her Qualifications. If she comes over to try the Cause betwixt her and a certain Person, which cause was try'd before the Parliament of *Paris*, and justly decided there; I hope she'll meet with the same Fate here, and I can assure you, Honest Country-man, People may speak as much Truth of her in *England*, as *Justin Macarty* spoke of her in *France*, without any danger of a Reprehension from the late Queen *Mary* at St. *Germains*. But enough of her, I'll leave her where I found her: But Pray remember your Half-penny Wager.

Country-m. I'll not be worse than my word. All these News-Papers, Sir, have an odd sort of a Story in them of a *Spanish* Galeons coming from the *Havana*, and the *Scarborough* Men of Wars keeping Company with her two or three days, without knowing any thing of a War: I thought always upon a Declaration of War, we had Dispatched some Advice-Boats to give our Shipping in Foreign parts Notice thereof.

Obs. This was always the *English* practise, and without doubt was so done at this Time: The War, as I remember, was Declared in the beginning of *May*; an ordinary passage from hence to *Jamaica* is not above seven or eight Weeks, and I wonder the *Scarborough* had no Notice of it before he left that place; but much more I wonder he could not have Intelligence of it at *Newfoundland*, which lies in the same Latitude with the *Lizard*, and which has been often Sailed in less than a Month; but we have great hopes that this Galleon may fall into the Hands of the Confederate Fleet, which is now in possession of the *Spanish Ports*.

Country-m. This is rare News, Mr. *Observator*, of the Duke of *Ormond*'s Landing at *Cadiz* Bay, and taking those Places mentioned in our *Gazette*: There's hardly a *Jacobite* or *High-Flyer* in *England*, but what would now sell his Life for a Half-penny; they stare at a Body like so many Wild Cats, and they stutter and stammer in their Speech, as if the *Babel* they have so long been Building was just ready to Fall. I vow, if they were not Enemies to old *England*, I could find in my Heart to pity them. Poor Creatures! What shall we do for a *Bedlam* big enough to hold 'em all? They must employ their Friend *Ned* to make t'other Visit to the Devil, to take 'em up Quarters; for I find they are not Men long for this World.

Obs. Truly, Sir, this Success of the Fleet will much alter the Face of Affairs in *Europe*; its a Death-stroke to *Tyranny* and *Usurpation*, for *Ambitious* and *Aspiring Princes* will be more careful hereafter how they make Encroachments on their Neighbours Territories, when they find the Free People of *Europe* engage themselves in the Cause of the Injur'd Person, and this done without any Respect to *Principles* of *Religion*, for you see the Confederates are firm in the common Cause, notwithstanding the contrariety of their Opinions.

Country-m. A Tyrant is a Beast of Prey: Now if a Wolf breaks into my Neighbours Field, and worries his Cattle, I don't consider whether my Neighbour be a *Church-man*, a *Presbyterian* or *Quaker*, but I presently Load my Gun and go along with my Neighbour to destroy this Wolf, with the same Courage as if the Ravenous Beast were got into my own Ground, which, for ought I know, might be his next step. The *French* King is e'en such a Beast of Prey, he has Ravag'd and laid Desolate the Fruitful Countries of his Neighbours; he has not contented himself to Tyrannize over his own Slaves, but has shook his Fetters over all the Free-People of *Europe*, and I think this Combination against him the more Justifyable. There is one thing, Sir, in our News, which Staggers my Faith very much, *viz.* That the People at *Lagos* heard the Noise of the Cannon from *Cadiz*. Now I find by my Map that *Lagos* lies at the very Point of Land call'd Cape St. *Vincent*, which is 42 Leagues from *Cadiz*, that is 126 Miles, *English*. It's a strange thing to me that the Noise of Guns could be heard so far.

Obs. Tho' *Lagos* lies 126 Miles distant from *Cadiz*, you must consider that it lies in a direct Line from Shore to Shore, and in Calm Weather the Wind at South, the noise of these Guns might be heard at that distance. I have been told, that in the *Dutch* War, the Noise of the Guns at *Solbay* Fight, were heard as far as *London*: But I have other hopes concerning this Noise of the Guns at *Lagos*. By our Advices from most parts, the *Spanish* Galleons are on their return home, and 'tis probable some of our Men of War Detached for that purpose, came up with them at some Distance at Sea in the heighth of Cape St. *Vincent*, and this may be the firing they heard at *Lagos*.

Country-m.

Country-m. I wiſh you may be a true Prophet in this Caſe, as you have been on many other Occaſions ſince you and I became acquainted. But pray, Sir, your Opinion on this Deſcent of the Duke of *Ormond*'s Forces in *Spain*? I think the beginning promiſes a good Iſſue, how do you imagine this Affair may be Proſecuted?

Obſ. I ſhall give you my Opinion without any *Direction* to, or interfering with, the *management* of the Government. The Deſign was well laid, and as well proſecuted; and there are a parcel of Men who have got Footing in *Spain*, who will not eaſily loſe their Ground: Tho' their Number be but ſmall in Relation to a Conqueſt, yet they coming there in Juſtification of the Right of the Houſe of *Auſtria* to the Crown of *Spain*, and the Subjects of thoſe Kingdoms having already taſted of *French* Tyranny and Inſolence, 'tis rationally concluded they will now give their helping hand towards the recovery of their own Rights. The 14000 Men the Prince of *Orange* brought to *England*, would have ſignify'd nothing towards a Revolution, had we received them as *Enemies*; but being our *Friends*, as coming to help us in the Recovery of our Rights, they met with no Oppoſition. You'll find it the ſame thing in *Spain* as in *England*, and a Poſt or two will give you the ſame Account from *Madrid* as you then received from the City of *London*.

Country-m. But, Maſter *Obſervator*, what will then become of the new Queen of *Spain*? 'Twill be a hard Caſe for her to marry a Perſon that had juſt ſet up the Trade of a King, and in a year or two's time to find him a Bankrupt.

Obſ. This often happens in Trade. Since the Caſe is ſo, we can't help it. Both She and her Husband have got good Friends, they muſt e'en part Houſehold Goods, if they have any, and return to the Place from whence they came. *France* you know is a noted *Aſylum* for Bankrupt Monarchs; and *Savoy* never had a Queen returned upon its Hands before, and therefore may the better bear it now; I ſuppoſe ſhe is not much the worſe for the wearing; the People of that Country may have as good a hand in reſtoring loſt Maiden-heads as ſome of their Neighbours; and being new vamp't, ſhe may make a good Wife for the pretended Prince of *Wales*. And poor *Anjou* get an imaginary Title to another Crown, by taking to his Bed the pretended Princeſs. But the *Roman* Catholicks have a Refuge from Trouble which others have not, ſhe may retire into a Nunnery, and there ſpend the Remainder of her days in Devotion and Religious Exerciſes; that is, in Curſing Prince *Eugene* and the Duke of *Ormond*, as the Procurers of her miſery, as I have heard the *Engliſh* Religious Ladies at *Dunkirk* curſe the late Duke of *Norfolk* for taking away what his fore-fathers had ſettled for their maintainance. I plainly find by the poſition of the *Popiſh* Eccleſiaſtical Stars, that Religious Bedlams in *Europe* will in few years be filled with Votaries, who ſhall Stile themſelves unfortunate Kings, Queens and Princes; and herein will the Juſtice of Heaven be conſpicuous, in making ſo many Perſons who endeavoured to Tyrannize over others, to become Inhabitants in Hoſpitals, or Princely Mumpers at the Tables of as great Tyrants as themſelves. *Lewis* I think muſt now erect an Hoſpital for the poor abdicated Kings and Queens in *Europe*, as we have for the poor Knights of *Windſor*; and if he'll take my Advice, I would have him build one large Apartment in it for himſelf; for 2 or 3 Campaigns more like this, will put him in mind of a place of Retirement, and he will not be the firſt unfortunate Man that has been a Penſioner in an Hoſpital of his own building.

The Emperor is now in poſſeſſion of the beſt Port in the Kingdom of *Spain*, the *French* Frigats that were in that Port upon the arrival of the Confederate Fleet, fell into their hands, and the *French* King can very ill ſpare the leaſt of his Ships; tho' he has publiſhed ſo many falſehoods of the ſtrength of his Armies and of his Maſtery at Land, he indeed has been ſo modeſt as not to publiſh himſelf Maſter at Sea. His Marine Feats have been confined to the *Adriatick* Gulph, to the ſhame and diſhonour of the Effeminate *Venetians*, whoſe Inglorious Neutrality has not a little retarded the Progreſs of the Arms of the Empire: But *France* has no Reaſon to boaſt of its Marine ſtrength on this ſide the mouth of the *Streights*, from whence to the *Baltick* is now the Empire of the Confederate Fleet. *Cadiz* Bay is a proper Station for our Shipping to intercept the Enemies Ships that paſs to or from the *Levant*, as alſo ſuch as come from the *Spaniſh Weſt-Indies* to old *Spain*, ſo that *France* and *Spain* are now likely to become deſtitute of Trade, which is the chief ſupport of thoſe Countries whoſe Boundary is the Sea.

The *Engliſh* Forces in *Spain* are within 50 miles of *Gibralter* in the *Streights Mouth*, which they may eaſily make themſelves Maſters of, after the Reducement of *Cadiz*: Over againſt *Gibralter*, on the Heathen Shore, lies *Ceuta* a *Spaniſh* Gariſon, which has ſo long been beſieged by the *Moors*, a ſmall party of Men would be ſufficient to take this Place; for the *Moors* would willingly aſſiſt the *Engliſh* in this Enterprize, out of Revenge upon the *Spaniards*; and if we had this Place alſo, then we hold the door of the *Levant* in our Hands.

Country-m. But pray, Sir, what will our People do at *Cadiz* for Victuals? Proviſions and Fighting are very conſiſtent things, and *Engliſhmen* Fight beſt upon a full Stomach.

Obſ. There is as good Bread in *Cadiz*, and in moſt parts of *Spain*, as any in the World; yet great Care muſt be taken of the Proviſions, they muſt be Victualed with Beer and Pork from *England*; for tho' there be very good Pork in *Spain*, yet it is ſuch as is very deſtructive to *Engliſh* Conſtitutions, unleſs well uſed, and the Diſcipline of the Victualing has been ſuch, as has afforded no Judgment in that Affair. I hope the Men loſt in the late War in Admiral *Raſſels* Squadron by drinking of Beverage made of ſowr Wine, will be a Caution to the Government now to take Care in that Point, and to employ Men in the Victualing that ſhall have more Regard to the *Lives* of the *Engliſh* Sailors, than to their *own private Intereſt*.

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